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SUBJ: PASSENGER SHIPPING IN MEDITERRANEAN

REFS: A. ANKARA 3097 (NOTAL); B. VALLETTA 0591 (NOTAL)

1. REFTELS QUERIED DEPT ON OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING PASSENGER SHIPPING IN MEDITERRANEAN WHICH MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ATTACKS.

2. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH DOD FOR SUCH DATA AS IT POSSESSES WHICH WE WILL REPEAT TO ADDRESSEE POSTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR INFORMATION ON FOREIGN FLAG MED PASSENGER SHIPPING IS INCOMPLETE, AS IS DATA ON AMERICAN TOURISTS ABOARD. DOD HAS REQUESTED ALUSNA REPORTING FOR IMPROVING ITS COVERAGE. IN VIEW MAGNITUDE THIS COVERAGE PROBLEM, WE ASK OUR POSTS, ESPECIALLY AT SEAPORTS TO CONTRIBUTE BY REPORTING TELEGRAPHICALLY SUCH DATA IN COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY ALUSNA SLUGGING SUCH REPORTS FOR DOD (OSD/ ISA) ANW REPORTS THAT A SOVIET OFFICIAL DOES NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO EGYPT BY A SOVIET LEADER, POSSIBLY KOSYGIN, FOR THE OPENING OF THE HELWAN DAM IN JUNE. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT THE SOVIET/ EGYPT- IAN RELATIONSHIP HAS EVOLVED TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE POSSIBLE; THE TIMING WOULD FIT IN WITH THE SCHEDULED UN SECURITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THE SAME OFFICIAL IS CONFIDENT THAT THE MID- DLE EAST CEASEFIRE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 4800, 4/27.

4. THE SOVIET POLITBURO SHAKEUP

A UPI COMMENTATOR REPORTS THAT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN MOSCOW HAVE SAID THAT THE RECENT SHAKEUP IN THE SOVIET POLITBURO APPEARS DESIGNED TO GIVE BREZHNEV A STRONGER HAND IN SEEKING BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE WEST. THE ADDITION TO THE POLITBURO OF FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO AND KGB CHIEF ANDROPOV MAY MEAN THAT BREZHNEV ANTICIPATES ATTACKS ON HIS FOREIGN POLICY VENTURES AT A TIME WHEN HE INTENDS TO VISIT WEST GERMANY AND THE US. (UNCLASSIFIED) UPI 319 A, 4/27.

5. MBFR

ON APRIL 27 THE NAC AGREED ON A FINAL TEXT OF GUIDANCE
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TO THE AD HOC GROUP ON SOVIET PROCEDURES AND PARTICI-
PATION PACKAGE. THE GUIDANCE AGREES THAT THE ALLIES
SHOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX TO THE
APRIL 13 US- NETHERLANDS SPECIAL REPORT. (SECRET) USNATO
2087, 4/27.

6. INDOCHINA OPERATIONS

EIGHTEEN MAJOR AND 90 MINOR CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS WERE
REPORTED IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE 24 HOUR
PERIOD ENDING 1900 EST APRIL 27. IN CAMBODIA, THERE WAS
LITTLE REPORTED CHANGE IN THE MILITARY SITUATION DURING
THE PAST 24 HOURS. (SECRET) USDAO SAIGON OPREP 4, 4/28
AND CAMBODIAN DAMSREP, 4/28. ROGERS

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